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1. CHINA

PRES' MONDAY NIGHT NEWS CONFERENCE CONFIRMATION OF ADMIN SHIFTS RECEIVES EXTENSIVE COVERAGE, ALL CITING BUSH TO CIA; NYT HEADLINE INCLUDES BUSH SWITCH. NYDN FRONTPAGES BUSH, SCHLESINGER, RUMSFELD, ROCKEFELLER PHOTOS; SIMILAR PHOTOS INSIDE CSM, CHITRIB.

REUTER (PEKING) REPORTS BUSH TELLING SMALL GROUP OF WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS TUESDAY IN LOUNGE OF HIS RESIDENCE THAT HE FACES "ONE HELL OF A CHALLENGE," THAT PRES' CIA OFFER CAME AS COMPLETE SURPRISE. SAID IMPROPER NOW TO DISCUSS NEW JOB IN DETAIL, BUT SUMMED UNCLASSIFIED

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IT UP AS 'IMPORTANT, COMPLICATED AND SOMEWHAT CONTROVERSIAL.' ADDED, "I BELIEVE WE MUST HAVE A STRONG CIA." DECLINING DISCUSS RECENT DISCLOSURES ABOUT ILLEGAL CIA OPERATIONS, BUSH DECLARED: "I WAS ASKED TO DO A

TOUGH JOB AND BELIEVE I OUGHT TO DO IT...I BELIEVE IN THE IMPORTANCE OF A SOUND, STRONG INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITY IN THIS TROUBLED WORLD ... I AM NOT UNAWARE OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN SWIRLING AROUND THE AGENCY." BUSH

STATED NEW POST WILL PUT HIM ON EVEN FOOTING WITH HAK "IN TERMS OF ACCESS" TO FORD. SAID HE HAS CLOSE RELATIONS WITH PRES, "AND WILL HAVE AN ACCESS WHICH I HOPE I WILL NOT ABUSE"; CONCEDED LACKING INSIDE KNOWLEDGE OF INTELLIGENCE WORK, THOUGH HAS HAD "ACCESS TO THE PRODUCT."

BUSH SAID HE HAS NO IDEA WHEN HE WILL LEAVE FOR US, BUT HOPES BE IN PEKING WHEN PRES VISITS. ASSERTED NOT SURE NEW APPOINTMENT MEANS HIS POLITICAL CAREER OVER. HOPED THAT DURING YEAR IN PEKING USLO BECAME MORE ACTIVE, LESS ISOLATED; FELT SINO-US RELATIONSHIP IN "REASONABLE STATE." BUSH SAID HIS CHINESE STAFF HAD NOT REGISTERED SURPRISE WHEN CALLED TOGETHER, TOLD OF HIS NEW POST; MAINTAINED, "I HAVE ALWAYS MET INORDINATE CIVILITY AND KINDNESS HERE."

BUSH PROFILES IN WP, CHITRIB, WSJ, NYT, PHINQ; ALSO, REUTER. BUSH/RUMSFELD PROFILES IN PHINQ (AP) AND NYDN -- LATTER TERMING THEM "GOOD PARTY AND FORD MEN."

NYT'S SHABECOFF REPORTS BUSH'S NAME AMONG THOSE WHICH IMMEDIATELY SPRANG TO POLITICIANS' MINDS AS POTENTIAL VP CHOICES. CHITRIB'S KELLY CITES REPORTS THAT SEN HUGH SCOTT WILL TAKE BUSH'S PLACE IN PEKING. STERN (WP) NOTES THAT WHILE PRES DID NOT OFFER ANY NAMES AS BUSH SUCCESSOR, HE SAID SCOTT "GREAT STUDENT OF CHINESE CULTURE AND HISTORY" AND HAS "BEEN TO CHINA ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS." BUT FORD EMPHASIZED NO DECISION MADE.

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PRES, ASKED ABOUT REPORTS HIS PRC TRIP "BEING REDUCED FROM A POSSIBLE 5 OR 6 DAYS" TO "3 OR POSSIBLY 4," REPLIED THAT TRIP PLANS STILL ON AND LENGTH OF VISIT WILL BE DETERMINED IN TALKS BETWEEN HAK AND PRC FM. CSM'S SPERLING REPORTS SOME FORD CRITICS SAY HAK/SCHLESINGER SHIFTS MAY WELL IMPAIR PRES' FOREIGN-POLICY EFFECTIVENESS ON BOTH PEKING AND PARIS TRIPS; BUT ONE STRONG LINE OF THINKING IS THAT FORD, MOVING TO PARIS ECON TALKS AND PRC VISIT, BELIEVES HE NOW IS BETTER ABLE BE PERCEIVED BY US PUBLIC AS AT FOREIGN POLICY HELM.

GLOBE (11/3) REPORTS BIPARTISAN CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

THAT VISITED PRC LAST AUGUST SAID SUNDAY THAT CHINESE
APPEAR HAVE PEACEFUL INTENTIONS TOWARD REST OF WORLD;
WARNED, HOWEVER, THAT SINO-SOVIET TENSIONS AND PEKING'S

CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO REVOLUTION AND COMMUNIST CAUSE
IN KOREA "COULD BRING CHINA INTO FUTURE CONFLICTS."

NCNA ACKNOWLEDGED MONDAY THAT GUARDS AT BORDER CHECKPOST
HAD KILLED FOUR INDIAN SOLDIERS LAST MONTH; BUT ASSERTED
INDIANS CROSSED INTO TERRITORY AND FIRED FIRST (CHITRIB;
TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL DISPATCH IN NYT). REUTER'S
ROGERS IN PEKING (11/3) REPORTS OBSERVERS NOTE THAT
UNLIKE RECENT PEKING ATTACKS ON INDIAN ACTIONS, THIS
STATEMENT DID NOT CLAIM SOVIET HAD HAND IN AFFAIR.
OBSERVERS FEEL THIS AND TONE OF PEKING'S STATEMENT INDICATE
THAT WHILE REFUSING ACCEPT ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR
INCIDENT, PEKING DOES NOT WANT IT TURN INTO CRISIS.
PRC HAS RAISED PRICE OF CRUDE OIL DELIVERED TO JAPAN
BETWEEN OCT-DEC THIS YEAR BY 1.7 PCT, ACCORDING HEAD
OF JAPANESE MISSION ON RETURN FROM PEKING OVER WEEKEND
(UPI, JOC).

NYT DISPATCH REPORTS IT RAINED 4 OUT OF 5 DAYS BILLY
GRAHAM'S TAIWAN CRUSADE BROUGHT TOTAL OF 300,000 TO
TAIPEI'S CIVIL STADIUM. CCK AMONG GOVT LEADERS WHO HEARD
GRAHAM AT SUNDAY'S FINAL MEETING.

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JDA DIRGEN SAKATA TOLD DIET TUESDAY SECDEF DISMISSAL
DOES NOT ALTER US-JAPAN AGREEMENT ON DEFENSE COOPERATION.
IN SAME SESSION, FM MIYAZAWA DECLINED COMMENT ON WASHING-
TON SHAKE-UP, ON GROUNDS DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT INFO
(REUTER, TOKYO).

ALENA WELLS (JOC) SAYS FOREIGN CENTRAL BANKERS TOLD US
OFFICIALS THEY'RE "ANGRY" THAT PRES WOULD LET NYC
DEFAULT, THEREBY ENDANGERING FRAGILE US ECON RECOVERY.
SPECULATES LEADERS OF JAPAN, UK, FRG, FRANCE, ITALY
WILL TELL FORD AT ECON SUMMIT US HAS OBLIGATION TO WORLD,
WELL AS OWN PEOPLE, TO AVOID SUCH RISK.

WHIPPLE (GLOBE 11/3) LEARNED ON READING "A WORLD
DESTROYED," BY PRINCETON PROF MARTIN SHERWIN, THAT TWO
USN FLIERS FROM CARRIER TICONDEROGA HELD PRISONER
IN HIROSHIMA DIED OF RADIATION 10 DAYS AFTER A-BOMBING.
FACT CONFIRMED BY B-29 CREW EYEWITNESSES TAKEN PRISONER
AFTER DITCHING OFF JAPAN AUG 8. SAYS USG NEVER CONFIRMED
FACT AMERICAN POW'S AMONG 100,000 KILLED AT HIROSHIMA
(ABRIDGED IN PHINQ).

KNIGHT NEWS' RON YATES IN TOKYO (GLOBE 11/1) CITES
HIROHITO TELLING PRESS FRIDAY IMPRESSED MOST BY
VISIT MOUNT VERNON -- IN PRIMARY SCHOOL MY TEACHER

JAMESON (LAT 11/1) CITES REPERCUSSIONS FROM EMPEROR
PRESS CONFERENCE. QUOTES KYOKO MIYAZAKI, AUTHOR OF
ACCLAIMED BIOGRAPHICAL NOVEL ABOUT LIVING THROUGH
HIROSHIMA BLAST, SAYING, "EMPEROR GOES TO THE UNITED
STATES AND APOLOGIZES TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE (FOR THE
WAR), BUT TO THE PEOPLE OF HIROSHIMA HE HAS NOTHING
TO SAY BUT 'IT COULD NOT BE HELPED'"; AND SECRETARY
OF CONSERVATIVE WAR SURVIVORS ASSN SAID HE THOUGHT
EMPEROR COULD SPEAK MORE "FRANKLY" ABOUT WAR RESPONSIBILITY NOW.

LLOYDS REGISTER REPORTED MONDAY WORLD MERCHANT FLEET
INCREASED 10 PERCENT PAST YEAR, TO 342 MILLION TONS;
JAPAN UP 1 MILLION, TO 39.7 MILLION TONS (AP, NYT).
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FUKUDA TOLD PUBLIC MEETING OUTSIDE TOKYO MONDAY TOTAL
DECLINE IN EXPORTS WILL NOT EXCEED FIVE PERCENT THIS
YEAR DESPITE CONTINUING WORLD RECESSION, BECAUSE JAPAN'S
COMPETITIVE POSITION FAIRLY SOLID DUE TECHNOLOGICAL
SOPHISTICATION. TOLD PRESS LATER SEES "NO NEED" FOR
FIFTH ROUND ANTI-RECESSION MEASURES DEMANDED BY
BUSINESS, WHICH WOULD ONLY REKINDLE INFLATION. FORECAST
GROWING RECOVERY ABROAD WOULD INCREASE DEMAND FOR EXPORTS
EARLY NEXT YEAR (JOC, TOKYO).

SOURCES DISCLOSED MONDAY MOF DRAFTING BILL FOR SUBMISSION
DIET PROVIDING 10-PERCENT UK-STYLE VALUE-ADDED TAX (VAT)
BEGINNING JFY 77, AS SAFEGUARD AGAINST FUTURE SHORTFALL
IN REVENUE. ESTIMATE VAT, IF IMPLEMENTED, WOULD BRING
IN 10-13 MILLION DOLS ANNUALLY (JOC, TOKYO).

JOC'S CULLISON IN TOKYO SAYS MAF PLANS SUBMIT BILL TO
DIET NEXT FEBRUARY TO ESTABLISH ONE-MONTH STOCKPILE
OF GRAINS, SUGAR BY 1980. CITES MAF SPOKESMAN SAYING
RESERVES "ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY" TO STABILIZE DOMESTIC
SUPPLIES, MEET INCREASINGLY UNSTABLE GLOBAL SUPPLY-
DEMAND FOR FARM PRODUCTS.

CULLISON ALSO CITES OPTIMISM VOICED SUNDAY BY DOW-JAPAN'S
BAKER THAT MITI WILL APPROVE APPLICATION BUILD SODA
PLANT IN 90 DAYS, BECAUSE FOREIGN INVESTMENT COUNCIL
WANTS SEE JAPAN HONOR COMMITMENT TO LIBERALIZE THAT
INDUSTRY.

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SUN'S SEIDEN IN TOKYO NOTES JAPANESE PLANNERS BEGINNING

WORRY ABOUT "NEXT ENERGY CRISIS" -- NUCLEAR
VERSION OF RECENT OIL SHOCK, TOUCHED OFF BY DOUBLING
OF PRICE URANIUM IMPORTS THIS YEAR. CONCERN
HIGHLIGHTED BY IEA DISCUSSIONS IN PARIS THIS WEEK ON
PLAN FOR "EMERGENCY SHARING OF URANIUM."

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IN ARTICLE ON CIA'S COLBY, WP ITEM MENTIONS THAT IN
VN HE BECAME KNOWN TO US JOURNALISTS AS HEAD OF PACIFICA-
TION PROGRAM, OVERSEER OF PHOENIX ANTI-VC INFRASTRUCTURE
OPERATION.

4. TIMOR

PORTUGAL, INDONESIA AGREE CALL MEETING SOON WITH ALL
POLITICAL PARTIES IN TIMOR AIMED AT ENDING FIGHTING,
BRINGING ABOUT ORDERLY DECOLONIZATION (CHITRIB).

5. AUSTRALIA

OPPOSITION OFFERS CLEAR BUDGET BILL IF GOVT AGREES
HOLD HOUSE ELECTION AT SAME TIME AS SCHEDULED SENATE
ELECTION BEFORE END NEXT JUNE. WHITLAM REJECTS MOVE,
SAYS SYSTEM OF GOVT WOULD BE DESTROYED IF ANY PM GAVE
IN TO "BUDGET BLACKMAIL." POLITICAL SITUATION REMAINS
DEADLOCKED, WITH GOVT SLOWLY RUNNING OUT OF FUNDS.
OPPOSITION MOVE SEEN AS ATTEMPT TO FIND WAY OUT OF
WEAKENING POSITION, AS RECENT OPINION POLLS SHOW WHITLAM'S
CAMPAIGN OF ACCUSING OPPOSITION OF VIOLATING CONVENTION,
DEMOCRATIC PROCEDURES, IN BLOCKING BUDGET MAY BE PAYING
OFF (NYT).

LADY CATHERINE SHAW, WIFE AUSSIE AMB TO US, SUFFERED
CUTS, BRUISES WHEN PURSE SNATCHED AND SHE WAS KNOCKED
TO GROUND BY ASSAILANT IN FRONT OF EMBASSY RESIDENCE.
AMB SHAW HAS NO COMMENT ON INCIDENT (WP).

6. GENERAL

MAYORS OF PAGO PAGO, FAAA (TAHITI), AUCKLAND, HK, TOKYO,
SYDNEY, AMONG GROUP OF 30 ON 1-WK US TOUR. DURING VISIT
TO NYC, AGREED OWN PROBLEMS SIMILAR AND HOPED CITY
COULD OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES (MAITLAND, NYT).

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NYT, CITING NEW BUSH/RUMSFELD JOBS, SAYS MEN SHARE SEVERAL PERSONAL/POLITICAL QUALITIES -- ARE CONSERVATIVES, BUT WITH MODERATE IMAGE, POLITICALLY AMBITIOUS, ADEPT AT KEEPING FOOTING ON FAST-MOVING HIGH OFFICE TREADMILL DURING NIXON/FORD YEARS; BUT DOUBTFUL IF EITHER CAN MASTER ONEROUS, COMPLEX RESPONSIBILITIES FOR WHICH CHOSEN. FINDS BUSH HAS WORKED AMICABLY WITH HAK, AND DOS/CIA PERSONAL FRICTIONS OF COLBY TENURE NOT LIKELY RECUR; BUT BUSH FACES ENORMOUS TASKS RESTORING AGENCY'S MORALE WHILE REGAINING PUBLIC/CONGRESSIONAL CONFIDENCE IT IS RESPONSIBLY LED. CONCLUDES CHANGEOVER NOT IMPRESSIVE IN EITHER BUSH OR RUMSFELD CASE.

FOR JOSEPH KRAFT, REMAINS TO BE SEEN -- TO PUT IT KINDLY" -- WHETHER BUSH/RUMSFELD HAVE WEIGHT TO MANAGE DOD AND CIA DURING TIMES OF STRESS (WP). STERN (WP) STRESSES BUSH "HAS NO SUBSTANTIAL EXPERIENCE IN INTELLIGENCE WORK." CHITRIB'S SQUIRES OBSERVES BUSH "HAS NO EXPERTISE IN INTELLIGENCE WITH WHICH TO CAUSE TROUBLE." TO WSJ, BUSH WOULD ADD "NEW INDEPENDENT VOICE TO NATIONAL SECURITY DELIBERATIONS.; GELB (NYT) SUGGESTS BUSH WOULD BE ABLE GO TO CONGRESS AND ASK GRACE PERIOD BEFORE PRESSING THEIR CIA INVESTIGATION FURTHER.

HAVING ACCOMPANIED HAK ON PRC TRIP, LAT'S ELEGANT (11/2) REPORTS CHINESE HEALTH CLINICS HAVE LOT OF SPIRIT, BUT FEW RESOURCES. OPERATING ROOMS DEVOID OF ALL FRILLS, STARKLY FUNCTIONAL. CHINESE STRESS WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED, WHAT IS POSSIBLE IN FUTURE IN HEALTH FIELD. IN SECOND ARTICLE, ELEGANT CITES DIFFERING US, PRC, VIEWS ON HOW TO HANDLE SOVIET. FEELS WHILE DIVERGENCE WILL INHIBIT DEVELOPMENT SINO-US RELATIONSHIP, IT WILL ENDURE -- PERHAPS LARGELY BECAUSE IT ALREADY EXISTS, AS DOES COMMON PERCEPTION OF SOVIET THREAT, THOUGH NO COMMON PERCEPTION OF HOW MEET THAT THREAT EXISTS.

BUTTERFIELD (NYT), IN HK, FEELS CLUES TO WHATEVER POLITICAL LIFE MAY EXIST IN PRC BEHIND TRANQUIL SURFACE HAVE BECOME MORE OBSCURE, RARER, THAN EVER. SO, ANALYSTS POUNCE WITH ALACRITY ON ANY NEW EVIDENCE THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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OFFERS ITSELF, LIKE BROADCAST THIS WEEK FROM WENCHOW, IN CHEKIANG PROVINCE, THAT SEEMED SUGGEST BOUT OF LABOR UNREST EARLIER THIS YEAR WAS MORE WIDESPREAD THAN REALIZED.

COPLEY'S NEILAN SAYS ROC IS BEEFING UP ITS LOBBYING

ARTILLERY, HAS COMMISSIONED ANOTHER NATIONAL PUBLIC OPINION POLL. SAYS RESULTS, WHICH WILL BE RELEASED JUST BEFORE FORD DEPARTURE FOR PRC, WILL REVEAL AMERICANS, WHILE FAVORING INCREASED FRIENDSHIP WITH PRC, DO NOT WANT FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PEKING AT TAIPEI'S EXPENSE (SAN DIEGO UNION).

WSJ(HARTLEY 11/3) FINDS TAIWAN ECONOMY BEGINNING CAUTIOUS RECOVERY. BUT ROC OFFICIALS VIEW UPTURN IN SOMEWHAT GINGERLY FASHION, ONE WORRY BEING COMPETITION FROM SK IN INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE.

8. JAPAN

JOHN WEIDMAN (GLOBE 11/2) TELLS HOW HE CAME TO WRITE "PACIFIC OVERTURES" -- FIRST NEW TRYOUT OF B'WAY SEASON OPENING IN BOSTON NEXT WEEK. MUSICAL TELLS STORY OF PERRY EXPEDITION, AND ITS IMPACT ON JAPAN FROM JAPANESE POINT OF VIEW, AS IF WRITTEN BY JAPANESE PLAYWRIGHT, USING TRADITIONAL JAPANESE THEATRICAL TECHNIQUES, WITH ALL-ASIAN CAST.

9. THAILAND

SUN SEES THAILAND AS BEING AT SAME TIME PULLED TOGETHER AND APART. KUKRIT GOVT HAS WEATHERED POLICE, RIGHT-WING MIL DEMONSTRATIONS AND BUDGET ORDEAL, SO MAY BE MORE THAN JUST INTERIM REGIME. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES ON BORDERS DRAIN RTG RESOURCES, PL PRESUMABLY AIDS THAI INSURGENTS, WHILE BANGKOK EFFORTS TO IMPROVE RELS WITH VIENTIANE, HANOI HAVE HAD SCANT SUCCESS. CAMBODIAN BORDER "LESS BLEAK," WITH INDICATIONS PP MAY WANT EASE OUT OF ISOLATION. FOR THAIS, CO-EXISTANCE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE 10,000 KHMER REFUGEES, REQUIREMENT THAT CAMBODIA NOT BECOME RESERVOIR OF WEAPONS LIKE UNCLASSIFIED

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LAOS. SUN BELIEVES BANGKOK MAY FIND CAMBODIA'S CLOSEST FRIEND, PRC, AN ALLY SINCE PEKING ANGLES EVERYWHERE TO COUNTER GROWING NVN, USSR INFLUENCE AND WITH US ON WAY OUT OF THAILAND, PRC'S BEST COUNTERWEIGHT MAY BE PARTIAL ENTENTE BETWEEN KR RADICALISM, THAI PARLIAMENTARY CONSERVATISM.

10. LAW OF THE SEA

LAT (11/2) DEVOTES FULL-PG LOS QUESTIONS. REP. CLAUSEN ADVOCATES 200-MILE FISHERY JURISDICTION TO COUNTER FOREIGN FLEETS OFF US COASTS, INCLUDING USSR, JAPANESE,

POLISH "FACTORY SHIPS." NOTES OPPOSITION CENTERS AROUND IMPACT ON UN LAW OF SEA CONFERENCE TO MEET NEXT MARCH, WITH DOS ARGUING ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION

WILL DIMINISH CHANCES FOR CONCLUDING NEW TREATY.
CLAUSEN BELIEVES FOR CONSERVATION, MANAGEMENT REASONS, US
CANNOT WAIT FOR UN ACTION.

ATTORNEY KRUEGER, WHO ADVISES NSC AND DOS ON LOS,
REVIEWS PROPOSALS, NOTES DISAGREEMENT OVER TRANSIT
CONDITIONS THROUGH GIBRALTAR, MALACCA STRAITS EXIST.
NSC'S MOORE ADVISES AGAINST US UNILATERAL ACTION ON
EXTENSION OF JURISDICTION SINCE MIGHT PROVOKE UNI-
LATERAL ACTION BY OTHER COUNTRIES. MENTIONS THAT SALMON
OFF US COASTS NOW PROTECTED BY AGREEMENTS SUCH AS
ATLANTIC MORATORIUM, SPECIAL AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN.
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